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Title : Machine-Implementable Project Finance Analysis and Negotiating Tool Software, Method and System

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Communication dated December 23, 2005.

**REMARKS**

The Communication of December 23, 2005 indicated that the "Amendment" filed October 13, 2005 was not fully responsive because the non-elected claims were not withdrawn and did not indicate whether the election is with or without traverse.

Applicants submit that this is an erroneous requirement and request its removal because: 1) the Restriction Response filed on October 13, 2005 was not an amendment and therefore was not required to list claims according to the requirements for an amendment (additionally until a restriction is finalized the